



TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

P.O. BOX 500586 SAIPAN, MP 96950

**RALPH N. YUMUL**

CHAIRMAN

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 23-8

DATE: March 13, 2023

RE: House Local Bill No. 23-8

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Capitol Hill  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred:

**House Local Bill No. 23-8:** "To appropriate \$1,000,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC); and for other purposes."

begs leave to report as follows:

### I. RECOMMENDATION:

After conducting financial due diligence, your Committee recommends that House Local Bill No. 23-8 be transmitted to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action.

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## II. ANALYSIS:

### A. Purpose:

To appropriate \$1,000,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC).

### B. Committee Findings:

Your Committee on Ways and Means to which House Local Bill No. 23-8: “To appropriate \$1,000,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC); and for other purposes.” was referred to verify and confirm that the amount specified in the local appropriation act is accurate and available for appropriation. The Committee received an official communication from the CEDA verifying the availability of these funds, therefore, the Committee recommends that House Local Bill No. 23-8 be transmitted to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action.

### C. Legislative History:

House Local Bill 23-8 was introduced by Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao on March 9, 2023 and was subsequently referred to the House Standing Committee on Ways and Means for disposition.

## III. CONCLUSION:

The Committee is content and confident with the verification of funds provided by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) with respect to House Local Bill No. 23-8, and therefore recommends that it be transmitted to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action.

Respectfully submitted,



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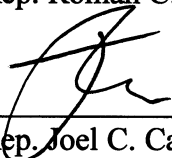
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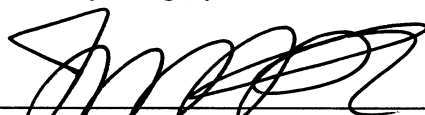
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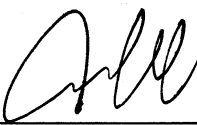
  
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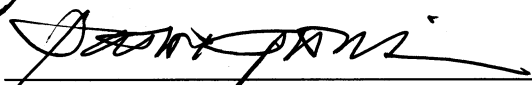
  
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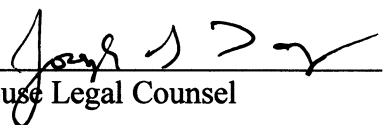
  
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Reviewed by:

  
House Legal Counsel

*Twenty -Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature*

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

March 9, 2023

147 Regular SESSION, 2023

H. L. B. 23- 8

**A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN ACT  
FOR THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

To appropriate \$1,000,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC); and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION**

**PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF THE**

**COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

1 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

2           The purpose of this Act is to dividends collected by the Commonwealth  
3 Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities  
4 Corporation (CUC).

5 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

6           Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to  
7 the contrary and pursuant to the authority vested to the Saipan and Northern  
8 Islands Legislative Delegation (SNILD) to appropriate dividends collected by  
9 CEDA from CUC, the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation  
10 (SNILD) hereby appropriates \$1,000,000.00 of the dividends collected by CEDA

1 from CUC to the Northern Marianas College (NMC) for the construction of  
2 Finasisu Lane, including but not limited to the road construction, water lines,  
3 waste water lines, etc. The expenditure authority of the funds appropriated under  
4 this section shall be the President of the Northern Marianas College (NMC) or  
5 his/her designee.

6 **SECTION 3. REPROGRAMMING.**

7 Funds appropriated under this act shall not be reprogrammed for any other  
8 purpose and notwithstanding any provision of law, all funds appropriated under  
9 this Act shall be without fiscal year limitation.

10 **SECTION 4. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

11 Expenditures of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be  
12 responsible to report all expenses to the Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern  
13 Islands Legislative Delegation (SNILD) upon the completion of the project.  
14 Provided further that failure to provide all expenses that were afforded under this  
15 Act shall not be able to avail to any future funds appropriated by the Saipan and  
16 Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

17 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

18 If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any  
19 person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent  
20 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to  
21 persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be

1 affected thereby.

2 **SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

3 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as  
4 affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes  
5 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.  
6 Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or  
7 pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of  
8 terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall  
9 already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

10 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

11 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or its  
12 becoming law without such approval.

Prefiled: 3/9/2023

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced By: \_\_\_\_\_

Rep. Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

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